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(b) Based on the pending requests of the consumers, a survey is normally conducted by DMS Field staff and if found justified new booth is opened subject to availability of milk.

[*English*]

Loan to SCs/STs by NSFDC and Delhi Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation

4740. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance Development Corporation and Delhi Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation are providing loans to the SCs/STs for their economic development;

(b) the number of applications lying pending with them, separately, as on date; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on date, 131 applications are pending with National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) and 23 with Delhi Scheduled Castes Financial and Development Corporation.

(c) Non-receipt of complete information by NSFDC. These applications will be cleared after the receipt of the requisite details.

The applications were pending with DSFDC for field survey and on spot verification which has since been completed. The applications are now in the process of being cleared.

[*Translation*]

Rearing of Goats

4741. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to encourage goat rearing in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to promote rearing of goats;

(c) whether the Government have developed a cross breed of goats on the lines of Jersey cows;

(d) if so, the details thereof and per day milk yield from such goats;

(e) whether the Government have conducted any economic survey for cows and goats rearing; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Goat rearing is an eligible activity under the Integrated Rural Development Programme. Under this Programme subsidy is provided to identified poor families for taking up various economic activities including goat rearing.

(c) and (d). The All India Coordinated Research project on goats (for milk) was taken up at National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal and Kerala Agriculture University, Trichur with the objective to evolve a new breed of milch goat suitable to the agro-